Name of the State	Name of the Distts.		Nos. of application pending	
	Dibang Valley	11	East Siang	Nil
	West Siang	15	Upper Siang	Nil
	Lower Subansiri	27	Upper Subansiri	Nil
	East Kameng	Nil	West Kameng	28
	Changlang	Nil	Tawang	28
	Papumpara	37		
Manipur				
	Bishenpur	18	Churachandpur	16
	Chandel	22	Imphal (East & West)	390
	Senapati	22		
	Thoubal	18	Tamenglong	21
	Ukhrul	18		
Meghalaya				
	East Khasi Hills	4	West Khasi Hills	Nill
	East Garo Hills	1	West Garo Hills	10
	South Garo Hills	Nil	Ri-Bhoi	4
	Jaintia Hills	35		
Mizoram				
	Aizwal	Nil	Mamit	Nill
	Kolasib	Nil	Champoi	Nil
	Serchip	Nil	Lunglei	Nil
	Saiha	Nil	Langtlai	Nil
Nagaland				
	Dimapur	25	Kohima	7
	Mokokchung	2	Chumkedima	4
	Zunheboto	1	Tuensang	1
Tripura				
	South Tripura	199	West Tripura	182
	Dhalai	96	North Tripura	206

Opening of Post Offices in NER

3257. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Gram Panchayats of the country particularly in NER have demanded to open post offices;

(b) how many post offices will be opened in the various village of the North Eastern Region during the current year; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government so that all the villages of the NER get a post office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) 633 Gram Panchayats of the country have demanded to open post offices. There is demand of 72 post offices in Assam State. There is no demand to open post offices in the Gram panchayats in the NER States. The details are furnished in Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Post offices are opened subject to justification as per prescribed norms. The opening of new post offices depends upon availability of resources such as funds and sanctioning of posts by Ministry of Finance. The targets for opening new Post offices in 2000-2001 are yet to be finalized.

Statement

Number of Gram Panchayats in the country which have demanded to open post offices

Sl. No.	Name of th Circle	No. of Gram Panchayats which have demanded to open post offices
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22
2.	Assam	72
3.	Bihar	—
4.	Delhi	—
5.	Gujarat	—
6.	Haryana	15
7.	Himachal Pradesh	120
8.	J & K	—
9.	Karnataka	1
10.	Kerala	—
11.	Madhya Pradesh	74
12.	Maharashtra	—
13.	North East	—
14.	Orissa	56
15.	Punjab	—
16.	Rajasthan	—
17.	Tamil Nadu	—
18.	Uttar Pradesh	273
19.	West Bengal	—
	Total	633